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1. ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR PRESENTED COPIES OF STATEMENT
OF US VIEWS FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE AND DISCUSSED CONFERENCE
IN A GENERAL MANNER WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ETHIOPIAN CIVIL
AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (ECAA) AND GENERAL MANAGER OF ETHIOPIAN
AIRLINES (EAL).
ON APRIL 4, EMBOFFS DISCUSSED CONFERENCE IN GREATER DETAIL
WITH HAILU MOLLA, EAL ACTING ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER FOR MARKETING,
WHO WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE AS ETHIOPIAN DELEGATE. HAILU SAID
HE MAY BE JOINED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF ECAA ALTHOUGH RECENT RE-
PLACEMENT OF DIRECTOR OF ECAA WAS COMPLICATING DECISION ON
THAT AGENCY'S PARTICIPATION.

2. HAILU SAID HE AGREED WITH POSITION OF USG THAT ALL AGNEDA
ITEMS WERE INTERRELATED. HE ADDED THAT WHILE INTERESTS OF EAL
AND ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH THOSE OF USG
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AND AMERICAN AIRLINES, HE KNEW FROM EXPERIENCE AT PREVIOUS ICAO
MEETINGS THAT USG WOULD CONSIDER INTERESTS OF ALL NATIONS AND
ALL AIRLINES (BOTH LARGE AND SMALL) IN NEGOTIATING COMPROMISES.

3. HAILU SAID ETHIOPIA WOULD OPPOSE ANY CAPACITY CONTROL ON
INTER-AFRICAN ROUTES AS WELL AS ON SELECTED ROUTES BETWEEN AFRICAN
AND NON-AFRICAN CITIES. WHILE HE COULD UNDERSTAND NEED FOR

CAPACITY LIMITATIONS ON NORTH ATLANTIC ROUTES, SUCH MEASURES WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF LIMITED FLIGHT NETWORK EXISTING IN AFRICA.

ETHIOPIA WILL ALSO STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO RESTRICT " FEE INTERCHANGE" AND " FREE STOP-OVER" RIGHTS FOR SCHEDULED AIRLINES. HAILU SAID ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION WOULD RESUBMIT SAME PAPER IT PRESENTED AT LAST ICAO MEETING ON THESE POINTS WHICH HE BELIEVES ARE ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF SMALLER AIRLINES. ETHIOPIA WILL ALSO PRESS FOR STRONGER ENFORCEMENT OF MINIMUM FARES AND STRICT LIMITATIONS ON CHARTER FLIGHTS TO PROTECT SMALLER SCHEDULED AIRLINES.

4. HAILU MOLLA CAN BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN MONTREAL MEETING. E IS EXPERIENCED AND WELL INFORMED ON ICAO ISSUES AND SHOULD BE KNOWN TO EXPERIENCED US DELEGATES. HAILU IS COOPERATIVE AND WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS US ALTHOUGH HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO REPRESENT EFFECTIVELY ETHIOPIAN INTERESTS WHERE THEY DIVERGE FROM THOSE OF THE US.
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